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INFLAMMATORY MARKERS AS TOOLS IN THE DETECTION AND PREVENTION OF DIABETES MELLITUS AND AS TOOLS TO AID IN THE SELECTION OF AGENTS TO BE USED FOR

THE PREVENTION AND TREATMENT OF DIABETES

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Sir:

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT .

Before calculating the fees, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

In the claims:

Please cancel claims 22-37, 39-51, without prejudice, before calculating the filing fees.

Applicants reserve the right to file one or more continuing applications directed to the subject matter of the cancelled claims.

REMARKS

Applicants have cancelled claims solely for the purpose of reducing the filing fees. No new matter has been added.

Respectfully submitted,

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